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Examiner: M. A. Winkler

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In re Patent Application of:

Klaus Hahn

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For: EXPANDABLE POLYSTYRENE

GRANULATES WITH A BI- OR MULTI-

MODAL MOLECULAR-WEIGHT

DISTRIBUTION

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Enclosures include a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time.